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Governor and First Lady To Welcome Halloween Visitors

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard and First Lady Linda Daugaard will give Halloween treats to children who come to trick-or-treat at the Governor’s Mansion on Monday, Oct. 31, from 5:30-8 p.m. CDT.

Handing out Halloween treats at the Governor’s Mansion is a long-standing custom in the capital city.

“Linda and I look forward to having trick-or-treaters and their families come to our front door on Halloween,” Gov. Daugaard said. “We are extremely proud to continue this tradition that’s been carried from generation to generation in the Pierre community.”

The Governor and First Lady plan to hand out 1,500 to 2,000 pieces of candy on Monday night, based on experience from past years.

“We are expecting a few more trick-or-treaters than we usually got at the farm near Dell Rapids,” Gov. Daugaard quipped.

The Governor asks children and parents across South Dakota to remember the following Halloween safety tips:

- Trick-or-treat during daylight hours, or take a flashlight if you go out after dark
- Add reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags
- Make sure vision is clear when wearing masks or other head garb
- Adults should accompany young children; unaccompanied children should trick-or-treat in groups
- Inspect candy before consuming, and throw away anything suspicious